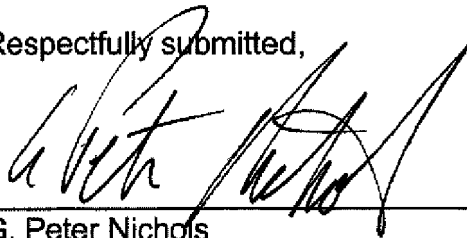


REMARKS

The claims were amended to reduce the multiple dependencies. It is believed that all the claims are allowable and Applicants request notification to that effect. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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